

WISBECH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1971

SECTION I - Staff

TABLE A

<u>Name of officer</u>	<u>Nature of appointment</u>	<u>Date of appointment</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>	<u>Any other appointments held</u>
Margaret Doreen Cuthbert Martin	Medical Officer of Health	1st July, 1963	M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H.	Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Wisbech
Donald Brook	Chief Port Health Inspector	11th June, 1957	(1) Certificates of the Royal Society of Health and Public Health Inspectors Examination Joint Board (2) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health (a) Meat Inspector (b) Smoke Inspector (3) Testamure of the Institute of Public Cleansing	Chief Public Health Inspector for the Borough of Wisbech
Denis Marshall Pickles	Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector	1st February, 1968	(1) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health and Public Health Inspectors Examination Joint Board (2) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health - Meat Inspector	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector for the Borough of Wisbech
John Francis Pinkstone	Additional Port Health Inspector	18th March, 1968	Diploma, Public Health Inspectors Education Board	Additional Public Health Inspector for the Borough of Wisbech

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health:

7 North Brink, Wisbech
Wisbech (0945) 5121

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year

TABLE B

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Number inspected</u>		<u>Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board</u>
			<u>By the M.O.H.</u>	<u>By the P.H.I.</u>	
Foreign ports	204	50,056	Nil	129	Nil
Coastwise	48	18,450	Nil	6	Nil
Total	252	68,506	Nil	135	Nil

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

Passenger traffic	(Number of passengers inwards: Nil Number of passengers outwards: Nil)
Cargo traffic	(Principal imports: Petroleum, timber, cereals, fertilisers Principal exports: Bricks, cereals)
Principal ports from which ships arrive	Amsterdam, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Karlshamn, Hamina, Kotka, Ghent, Wismar

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic:

None during the year.

SECTION V - Water supply

(1) Source of supply for

- (a) the district: Wisbech and District Water Board and East Elloe Rural District Council - public supplies
- (b) shipping: Wisbech and District Water Board

(2) Reports of tests for contamination for

- (a) the district: 22 tests - all satisfactory
- (b) shipping:

	<u>No. of ships involved</u>	<u>No. of samples taken</u>	<u>No. satisfactory</u>	<u>No. unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Distribution aboard ships	Nil	Nil	-	-	Nil
Storage aboard ships	Nil	Nil	-	-	Nil

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes:

The hydrants and hosepipes used in the supply of water to ships are kept cleansed as far as possible and, when not in use, are stored so as to avoid contamination.

(4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats and powers of control by the Authority:

There are no water boats.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1970

(1) List of infected areas (Regulation 6)

Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied and the procedure for supplying it to those persons:

The list is kept by the Public Health Inspector, who makes amendments thereto as notified to him by the World Health Organisation. It is drawn up in a form which sets out the information provided by the World Health Organisation. The list is supplied annually to the Customs office and to the Pilot Master, the latter being requested to pass details thereof to the pilots. Any amendments to the list are also notified to the Customs office and the Pilot Master.

(2) Radio messages

- (a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district (Regulation 13):

Ships are contacted by radio from the pilot cutter or from Sutton Bridge.

- (b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon (Regulation 14(1)(a) and (2)):

Contact is made via coastal radio telephone.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by radio (Regulation 14(1)(b))

Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon:

Not applicable.

(4) Mooring stations (Regulations 22 to 30)

Situation of stations and any standing directions issued under these Regulations:

The pilot station is in the Wisbech Deep. Any ship known or suspected to have infectious disease on board must remain there until permission for it to move is given.


(5) Arrangements for

- (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox - see Section VII):

Cases of infectious disease would be dealt with by local hospitals.

- (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts:

Arrangements made by the Public Health Inspector.



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- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles:

Arrangements made by Public Health Inspector.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

- (1) Name of isolation hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:

Smallpox Hospital, Ipswich.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews:

In the event of there being a suspected case, the Officer in Charge of the Ambulance Station, Ipswich, telephone number Ipswich (0473) 56407, would be contacted. He would make all necessary arrangements for the ambulance and be responsible for ensuring that any necessary vaccination or disinfection of the ambulance crew was carried out.

- (3) Names of smallpox consultants available:

<u>Telephone No.</u>		
	<u>Office</u>	<u>Home</u>
Dr. J. D. Kershaw	Colchester (0706) 5101	Colchester (0706) 73176
Dr. W. A. Oliver	Norwich (0603) 23111	Norwich (0603) 53535
Dr. G. Nisbet	Peterborough (0733) 2489	Peterborough (0733) 2896
Dr. R. A. Leader	(0394) 41275	Ipswich (0473) 55388

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox:

In the event of laboratory diagnosis being required, reference would be made to the Department of Bacteriology, University of Birmingham, The Medical School, Birmingham 15.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen:

- (a) Clinic at West Norfolk and King's Lynn General Hospital, King's Lynn:

Males - Tuesdays and Fridays	6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Females - Tuesdays and Wednesdays	3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

- (b) Clinic at the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough:

Males - Mondays and Wednesdays	5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Females - Tuesdays	10.30 a.m. to 12 noon
Thursdays	5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The position in regard to in-patient treatment is the same at both hospitals. Although no accommodation is kept permanently reserved for the treatment of in-patients, facilities are made available and cases admitted as and when necessary. All medical practitioners in the district are supplied with the foregoing information, which is also publicised by way of a poster. Ship-brokers and ships' agents operating in the port are notified of the facilities available, so they can give the information to the masters and crews.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

TABLE D

<u>Category</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of cases</u> <u>during year</u>		<u>Number of</u> <u>ships</u>
		<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>concerned</u>
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	-	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria have occurred.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

There were no ships infected with, or suspected for, plague.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:

The Port Health Inspector, as a normal measure, makes an inspection of ships from foreign ports. Should the presence of rats be found or suspected, he would take any necessary action.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year:

Any case coming under this heading would be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor:

Infested vessels are directed to the nearest "approved port".

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting certificates and deratting exemption certificates issued
during the year for ships on arrival from foreign ports

This is not directly applicable as the port is not an "approved port" or a "designated approved port", but there is an agreement whereby the Port Health Inspectors of the Borough of Wisbech act as the agents of King's Lynn Borough Council in the issue of deratting exemption certificates for the port of Wisbech.

<u>Number of deratting certificates issued</u>				<u>Number of</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>After fumigation with</u>	<u>After</u>	<u>After</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>deratting</u>	<u>certificates</u>
<u>HCN</u>	<u>Other fumigant</u>	<u>trapping</u>	<u>poisoning</u>	<u>exemption</u>	<u>issued</u>
				<u>certificates</u>	
				<u>issued</u>	
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	9	9

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and notices

<u>Nature and number</u> <u>of inspections</u>		<u>Notices served</u>		<u>Result of</u> <u>serving notices</u>
		<u>Statutory</u> <u>notices</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>notices</u>	
Routine	135	Nil	Nil	-
Total	135	Nil	Nil	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

There are no shellfish beds within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

SECTION XV - Medical inspection of aliens and Commonwealth immigrants

This is not an approved port for the landing of aliens and Commonwealth immigrants and the Section is therefore not applicable.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease:

Arrangements would be made in accordance with Section 162 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

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Port Medical Officer of Health

